

NEWS RELEASE

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST

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DATE: August 23, 2009

Saw Mill Canyon Fire Update ~ 7:30 p.m.

Cause: Lightning

Start Date: August 5, 2009

Size: 4,600 acres

Location: South of Scipio, Utah

Assigned Resources: 10 engines, 3 water tenders, 3 dozers, 1 helicopter, 5 handcrews, and assorted overhead personnel.

Observed Fire Behavior: creeping, smoldering, torching, and running

Fuel Types: Mixed conifer, brush and grass

Narrative: Again today high, erratic winds caused very active fire behavior on the east flank of the fire. Winds pushed the fire toward Highway 50, but fire fighters were able to hold the fire west of the highway.

Due to heavy smoke across the highway, travelers were escorted through the area by Millard County Sheriff's cars. When fire activity subsided and the smoke cleared, traffic resumed as normal.

A Central Utah Type III Incident Management Team assumed command of the fire this.

Fire fighters will continue to construct and improve firelines along the east, north and west flanks of the fire, while the steep, rocky portion of the fire will remain under a confine/contain strategy due to concerns for fire fighter safety.

As with all wildland fires the number one priority is fire fighter and public safety. To date no injuries have occurred on this fire.

For information on this and other fires in Utah, visit Utah Fire Information at <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov>. Information on this as well as other fires burning nationally can be found by visiting the Inciweb web site at <http://inciweb.org>.

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